

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HIRAI, et al.

Application No.: 09/856,482

Filed: June 7, 2001

For: CRYSTALLINE AROMATIC POLYESTER
RESIN PREPUFF AND MOLDED FOAM
ARTICLE AND LAMINATED MOLDED
FOAM ARTICLE USING THE SAME



Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 23, 2001

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified
application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A moldable crystalline aromatic polyester resin
prepuff, having a bulk density in the range of from 0.01 to 1.0
g/cm³ and a crystallization peak temperature in the range of from
130 to 180°C.

2. (Amended) The prepuff of claim 1, wherein the resin
contains at least one unit of a unit derived from isophthalic